Ball State University Greek Life  
Risk Management and Anti-Hazing Compliance Form

Deadline: This form shall be returned to the Office of Greek Life (SC 131) on or before the second Friday after commencement of classes each fall and spring semester.

The Ball State University Greek Community Risk Management Policy (the “Risk Management Policy”) applies to all fraternities and sororities at Ball State University. All chapters are obligated to annually instruct their members regarding the Risk Management Policy and obtain their signed acknowledgements that they have received and reviewed a copy of the Policy. Further, fraternities and sororities must publish a copy of the Risk Management Policy on their websites and maintain an updated copy on their premises for review by members, alumni and key volunteers.

The Risk Management Policy includes an anti-hazing policy that prohibits hazing and hazing activities, as described below. Each chapter president and risk manager shall ensure that all chapter members review the anti-hazing policy on a regular basis – at least once each academic semester – and understand its provisions. By signing below, you certify that you have reviewed this policy with all current and new members of your chapter and have made a copy of the policy available to them. Any chapter that fails to file this form by the above deadline or that provides false information may face disciplinary action as described in the Risk Management Policy.

GREEK ANTI-HAZING POLICY

No chapter, colony, student or alumnus shall conduct or condone hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense. Hazing activities are defined in the Risk Management Policy as “any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the University, or applicable Indiana law.”

Examples of hazing activities, taken from the Fraternal Information and Programming Group (FIPG) Manual, are included as Appendix G to the Risk Management Policy.

The University’s Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities (the “Student Code”), at Section 5.1.2 and Appendix D, also contains a prohibition against hazing (as defined in the Student Code) by University students, student organizations (including fraternities and sororities), groups or teams, and it provides for disciplinary action against individual students and student organizations in the event of a violation. Further, Indiana Code §35-42-2-2 provides that reckless, knowing or intentional hazing constitutes criminal recklessness, which is a Class A or B misdemeanor or a Class C or D felony, depending on the nature and seriousness of the act. That criminal statute defines hazing as “forcing or requiring another person: (1) with or without the consent of the other person; and (2) as a condition of association with a group or organization, to perform an act that creates a substantial risk of bodily injury.”

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Chapter Name (Print)                        Chapter President (Signature)

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New Member Educator (Signature)             Risk Manager (Signature)

The signing of this form was witnessed by our chapter advisor this _____ day of _______________, 20___.

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Chapter Advisor (Signature)

This policy is available at: http://cms-bsu.edu/CampusLife/GreekLife/currentmem/policies/rm.aspx
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